

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on November 20, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(217) In the matter of TN2199 - Marvin R. Black Jr. dba Shelby Services, Shelby, Montana requests permission to reduce his mileage charge for passenger transportation under PSC No. 9442 from previously approved rates of \$2.00 (regular hour) and \$2.50 (after hour) per mile to \$1.00 per mile.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the reduction in rates. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Rowe, who later voted aye, making the vote unanimous.

(218) In the matter of T-03.48.ST - On September 11, 2003 Powder River Transportation Services, Inc., Gillette, Wyoming filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 8962, to CUSA PRTS, LLC dba Powder River Transportation Services, Arlington, Virginia. The application was noticed to the public on October 8, 2003 and there were no protests.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the transfer. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Rowe, who later voted aye, making it unanimous.

(219) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes: Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of November 10, 2003. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. The vote was left open for Commissioner Rowe, who later voted aye, making it unanimous.

APPEARANCE

Joel Tierney
Utility Division

(220) In the matter of Yellowstone Pipeline - D2003.9.128: On November 3, 2003,

Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application to decrease rates by 20% of the 53% increase granted to cover increased power costs in March of 2001. Yellowstone has requested a January 1, 2004 effective date.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve Yellowstone Pipeline's application to decrease rates. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation/Centralized Services Division

(221) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Brian David Parks dba Medicab Temporary Authority Application for transportation of medical patients from Butte to Missoula - T-03.53.PCN:

Commissioner Brainard moved to take care of this matter today and moved to accept the application for temporary authority. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(222) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC Budget/Personnel - Review and Discussion of FY 2004 budget; and Consideration of Field Officer Request to Review Sidearm Policy:

Commissioner Stovall moved to continue with PSC's present policy on firearms and not issue firearms to field officers. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Robin McHugh

(223) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE Bankruptcy - Placeholder to get direction on any matter related to the NWE bankruptcy:

Commissioner Schneider moved to authorize staff travel, on a general basis, to participate in bankruptcy related proceedings. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ROWE, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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